

## SYNDICATE SECURES OPTION ON PLANTERS

M. Dwight Fortner Heads Company Which May Buy the Hotel.

### TEN-YEAR LEASE ASSURED.

Assistant Manager of Jefferson Is Prime Mover in Deal—One of Best-Known Houses in West.

It was announced yesterday afternoon that an option had been secured by a syndicate of prominent hotel men, represented by M. Dwight Fortner, the president of the Hotel Jefferson, for the purchase of the hotel property, for an extension of the lease of the hotel for ten years, from the date of the expiration of the present lease. It is the intention of the new syndicate to operate the planters in the same manner as in the past.

Mr. Fortner, who is a man of large means, is at the head of the syndicate. He has been with the Hotel Jefferson since its opening a year ago, and has contributed in a large measure to the success of that hotel.

There has been considerable talk concerning the future of the Hotel Jefferson. It was announced some time ago that a group of Kansas City hotel men were contemplating the purchase of the hotel, but after much discussion on both sides it was stated by Henry Weaver of the planters that the option was cancelled, and that the management of the hotel would remain the same as it has in the past.

In harmony with this decision, a large group of Kansas City hotel men, including Mr. Fortner, have secured an option on the hotel property. The option was secured by the syndicate after the deal with the planters was cancelled. The option was secured by the syndicate after the deal with the planters was cancelled.

Mr. Fortner left the city shortly after the option was secured. He is expected to return to the city in a few days. He is expected to return to the city in a few days.

## GARFIELD SAYS HE IS FINDING FACTS

Visits Branch Office of Standard Oil and Puts His Assistants to Work—Will Not Go to Indian Territory.

Independence, Kas., April 17.—James R. Garfield, Commissioner of Corporations, arrived here early today and immediately began his search for facts and figures bearing on the oil situation.

Before he had been here half an hour, Mr. Garfield was in the office of the Standard Oil and Gas Company, a branch of the Standard Oil Company.

The Standard Oil Company assured Mr. Garfield that they would gladly furnish him all the information they had, and furnished the same. Mr. Garfield spent practically the whole day in the office of the Standard Oil Company, going over the books and papers.

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Mr. Garfield will go to Topeka tomorrow, and return to Kansas City Wednesday night and expect to leave in a few days for California.

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## BRUM AGAIN VICTIM OF PRESIDENT'S GUN

Exciting Chase Into Heart of Huntsman's Hills Results in Roosevelt Bagging Big Black Bear—One Shot Sufficient.

### REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Newcastle, Colo., April 17.—A telephone message from Camp Roosevelt, twenty-seven miles south, tells of great joy there over the killing of the second bear by President Roosevelt.

It weighed about 600 pounds and is of the black variety, while that killed Saturday was brown.

The bear started into the heart of the Huntsman's Hills at 8 o'clock this morning and got back to camp at 4 p. m., with a skin and bear steaks.

The bear trail was struck by spot. The leading dog, at 11 a. m., and the whole pack was unleashed. The chase extended along Haystack Mountain for three miles, when the bear cut directly down the mountain.

This kind of riding was most dangerous and the party was left a mile behind. The animal then went straight up Garfield Mountain and was surrounded on a big knoll by the fifty hunters.

One was dead from a blow from the bear's paw when the hunters caught up. His neck was broken.

The bear then led them up the mountain two miles farther and took to a tree. The situation was exactly similar to the kill of Saturday, and the President again brought the bear down with a single shot.

Tomorrow's hunt will be in the same direction, and, to save travel, the camp may be moved ten miles farther east.

## LOEB TO VISIT PRESIDENT'S CAMP ON OFFICIAL ERRAND.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 17.—Refuge President Roosevelt penetrates the wilds so far that communication with the outside world will be next to impossible. Secretary Loeb, with the aid of the courier daily expected from the camp, will get on the President's trail, and visit him in the mountains.

The visit will be for the purpose of talking with the President on several important matters that have come to the headquarters here since Saturday. There are several commissions to be signed, as well as departmental business that has been forwarded.

Mr. Loeb's investigations have come to Secretary Loeb and members of the official party stopping at the Hotel Colorado to take excursions into the surrounding territory in order to view sights of interest.

All of these have been declined or postponed until the arrival of the post courier from the President. Mr. Loeb expects to return to the President's camp with the courier, and he may spend the night in the mountains.

Horseback riding, bathing in the hot-water pool, tennis and mountain climbing have occupied the past few days.

During the week it is planned to take an excursion down the valley over the Colorado National Railroad to see private irrigation projects. An engine will be attached to the private car Rocket, and the trip made in that manner.

President to STOP TWICE ON WAY TO WASHINGTON.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 17.—The itinerary for the return trip of the President to Washington is nearly completed. There will be but two stops for reasons of a formal character.

These are to be at Denver, where the Board of Trade will give a dinner, and at Chicago, where the President will attend a dinner at the Merchants' Club, a reception by the Hamilton Club and a dinner by the Iroquois Club.

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## FROSTWORKS MUCH DAMAGE TO FRUITS

Missouri Apples, Peaches, Plums, Pears and Strawberries Injured by Cold.

### OTHER STATES ALSO SUFFER.

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia Bear Brunt of Freeze—Texas Escapes Unhurt.

Investigations conducted by the State Horticultural Department at Columbia indicate that large percentages of the apple, peach, plum, pear and strawberry crops were greatly damaged by the frost and snow of Sunday night, which was general over the entire State.

It is estimated that 75 per cent of the apple blooms were injured. Peaches have suffered mostly from the extremely cold winter which affected the trees.

Strawberries, from which the straw protection had been removed, were frosted Sunday night and there undoubtedly will be a reduction in the crop, which a few days ago was expected to be the largest in the history of the State.

Reports from other sections of the State show that fruits and small vegetables have been greatly injured. New Madrid, which is in the extreme southeastern section of the State, reports a killing frost, which practically destroyed all fruits and vegetables. Growing corn, of which there is a great deal in that country, was not hurt and cotton was not for enough advanced to suffer.

Marble Hill, in Bollinger County, the heart of the strawberry industry for Southeast Missouri, suffered a severe frost, and the prospect for an abundant crop of berries, which was excellent a week ago, is destroyed.

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## WEDDING PRESENTS.

We are offering a magnificent assortment of Kenlow China, copies of old English, Sheffield, Rock Crystal Vases and many other exclusive novelties, very desirable as Anniversary, Wedding and Easter Gifts.

### ART SECTION FIFTH FLOOR KENNARD'S

Our new assortment of Cashmere will be of interest to those who made a collection of curios at the World's Fair.

for enough advanced to kill them and that the crop is yet safe, but it will take several days to fully ascertain the results of the freeze. All garden vegetables were frozen.

SHAWNEETOWN FRUIT INJURED. Shawneetown, Ill., April 17.—Severe cold last night did considerable damage to the fruit crop, destroying early gardens and damaging fruit in some localities. Percentage killed is unknown as yet.

QUINCY HAS FROST. Quincy, Ill., April 17.—Frost in this region has damaged the peach, plum, cherry and pear buds, but no injury has been done to the apples, because the blossoms are not yet advanced. Strawberries have been slightly damaged. Winter wheat is safe so far.

LOUISVILLE BUDS NOT HURT. Louisville, Ky., April 17.—Opinion is divided here as to the effects of the present cold wave on the budding fruits of Clay County.

It is generally agreed that the buds do not show injury, but it is the belief of many fruit growers that they will fall off as the season advances.

Clay County has the largest acreage of budding apple trees in the State, and a week ago the prospects were promising for a phenomenal yield.

BERKSHIRE AT RICHVIEW KILLED. Richview, Ill., April 17.—The freeze of last night is said by fruit growers to have killed the strawberries, which were in bloom in the extreme southern part of Illinois, where the berries were further advanced. It did great damage. Potatoes are not injured. It is believed that apples are uninjured.

FROST AT HARRISBURG. Harrisburg, Ill., April 17.—A heavy frost here last night did great damage to early gardens, and fruit growers are of the opinion that the fruit is killed, which, if true, will mean a loss of many thousands of dollars in value of the fruit crop.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Mr. Vernon, Ill., April 17.—A heavy frost here last night, killing the fruit buds of many trees, and it is feared that all kinds of fruit are badly damaged. If the crop does not show signs of life, it will be a great loss.

GROWERS IN INDIANA SUFFER. Losses by Frost Not Great Except Near Lafayette. Lafayette, Ind., April 17.—Reports received by the Purdue University agricultural experiment station today state the damage done to fruit by the frost was severe.

In some localities the cherry and plum trees have been stripped of blossoms. Apples and peaches have also suffered severely. The loss to fruit growers will be heavy.

INDIANA DAMAGE LOCAL. Indianapolis, April 17.—Reports received from all parts of Indiana indicate that while some damage has been done to early fruit by frosts of the past twenty-four hours, the loss to farmers and gardeners will be not so great as feared.

OHIO FRUIT SUFFERERS GREATLY. Springfield, O., April 17.—Farmers in Clark and adjoining counties report that the frost of Sunday night did great damage to the fruit crop, especially to the cherry and plum trees.

TEXAS FRUIT ESCAPES INJURY. Continuous Cloudy Weather and Wind Prevents Frosts. Dallas, Tex., April 17.—Texas fruit, vegetables and other crops have not been injured in the least up to tonight by the cold April weather.

Protection has been given to these crops by cloudy nights, and almost continuous strong winds. The only danger would be a sudden change to a cold rain and a freeze. This, however, is not anticipated, as no fruit, vegetable or other crop grows in Texas can call a time when these crops are injured in April.

Present indications favor splendid fruit, vegetable and grain crops for Texas this season.

Corn and cotton planting have been retarded about three weeks by the rains and cold weather of April.

KANSAS HAS INCH OF SNOW. Fruit and Other Crops Are as Yet Uninjured by Cold. Kansas City, Mo., April 17.—Reports received today from Hutchinson, Salina, Sterling and other points in Kansas say that about an inch of snow fell in that State today, which melted almost as fast as it fell.

This moisture will be of benefit to wheat and alfalfa crops, which are in good condition all over Kansas and Oklahoma, the recent cold and dry weather having affected them only slightly.

Some apprehension has been felt as to the effect of the recent frosts on the fruit crop, but it is generally believed that the damage will prove serious to the peach crop in Georgia.

SLIGHT DAMAGE IN NEBRASKA. Fruit Buds Were Unopened When Cold Spell Came. Lincoln, Neb., April 17.—Winter wheat is in splendid condition in Nebraska. The acreage is 15 per cent greater than last year, and, with normal precipitation, the best three months of the year in better condition than in two years past.

Very little damage is so far reported from the frost of Sunday night. The peach buds were unopened when the cold came.

Recent cold weather and frost doing nothing to bloom except the earlier varieties of plums, which were killed. Strawberry and peach crop probably none of the fruit in the State.

Apples and cherries were untouched.

## "THE MODERN WAY"

The day of the coal stove is passing. The day is not far distant when every family in reach of a gas main will cook with gas. This is not theory, but fact. Last year we sold 15,448 gas ranges. We have already purchased 16,000 ranges for this Spring's business. We will sell many more. We sold 750 ranges during the six days of last week alone. These are simply some figures to show that people are awake to the advantages of gas—that they are thinking—that they are buying gas ranges—buying home comfort—and buying it at less cost than the drudgery they are discarding.

### YOU

Should put a gas range in your kitchen. The prices were never before so low, nor the terms so easy. The cost shall not stand between you and gas-range comfort—and we know nothing else can. Order a gas range for \$15.00. Pay for it \$3.00 with order, balance \$1.00 monthly with gas bill.

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Market gardeners suffered, however, in partial destruction of advanced crops.

ARKANSAS FRUIT UNINJURED. State Horticulturist Says Berries Are Slightly Hurt. Little Rock, Ark., April 17.—President John P. Loran of the State Horticultural Society said tonight that his advice from the fruit belt did not show any damage by the present cold snap.

He is in close touch with the situation and says that if the apples withstand the prevailing low temperature, the crop will be the biggest on record in this State.

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close, and that two places in Florissant respected the order last Sunday. Next Sunday, he says, he will arrest all violators.

Judge Wilbur E. Boyle, president of the County Club, said last night that he had not been notified by the Sheriff of St. Louis County to close next Sunday.

"I have not examined the law under which it is said he will order clubs in the county closed," said Judge Boyle, "and would not care to say whether it can be done or not. In any event, I cannot force the club's probable action."

BISHOP TUTTLE ADVISES CHRISTIANS TO ABSTAIN. In his sermon at the noonday meeting yesterday at the Garrick Theater, the Right Reverend Daniel S. Tuttle, Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri of the Episcopal Church, commented on the State law compelling the closing of saloons on Sunday.

While in approving in a general way the action of the authorities, the Bishop said that it would be better if Christians would refrain from the saloons and compel them to close because of lack of patronage.

In opening his address he referred to the death of Doctor Burnham in Denver, with whom he said he had been more or less intimately associated and whose death he sincerely regretted.

MINISTERS APPROVE CLOSING OF SALOONS ON SUNDAY. Resolutions were adopted at the various ministers' meetings yesterday commending Governor Folk and Executive Commissioner Mulvihill for their strict enforcement of the Sunday-closing law last Sunday.

The subject will be brought up again at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance next Monday, when it is thought some arrangements will be made to have the ministers of all denominations agree to preach on the subject of Sunday closing on a given day.

The purpose is to crystallize sentiment among the church-going people of the city in favor of the closing of saloons and gardens on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS INDORSE SUNDAY CLOSING. At the monthly Congress of the St. Louis Christian Endeavor Union at night resolution were adopted commending Governor Folk, Thomas K. Mulvihill and other officials for the position they have taken in an effort to enforce the law.

The resolution also pledges the support of the union in the "movement and to use every means within our power to uphold the hands of these officers of the law in their effort to rid the city of St. Louis of this great evil."

FOLK SIGNS RAILWAY BILLS. Approves Minor Measures Referring to Stations. Jefferson City, Mo., April 17.—Governor Folk today signed House Bill No. 10, to compel railroads to keep their passenger houses well lighted and properly heated.

The Governor also signed House Bill No. 11, to compel railroads to deliver at main freight stations, where the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners may designate, and when the Commissioners deem it necessary, for failure to comply with the bill the railroad shall pay \$5 for each day they shall fail to do so.

Marshall Index Brings \$3,500. Marshall, Mo., April 17.—The Saline County fair printing plant has been sold to Doctor J. J. Blackburn of the Blackburn Record for \$3,500. Doctor Blackburn will take possession immediately and will continue publishing the paper here.

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